

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2423 without my signature.

Although meritorious in its intent to provide targeted science instruction in the elementary schools, this bill is unnecessary. Nothing in current law precludes school districts from designating a teacher as a science coach, or from providing staff development in science instruction at the local level.

Furthermore, this bill prohibits a district from using funds other than staff development funds for these purposes. This provision would restrict districts' budgetary flexibility and prevent them from using other fund sources to support designated science coaches or provide this type of targeted professional development. It appears that this provision actually runs counter to the bill's purported intent.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger